

# RIPLEY COUNTY, INDIANA

## *Highlights*



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## Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

*Highlights* are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



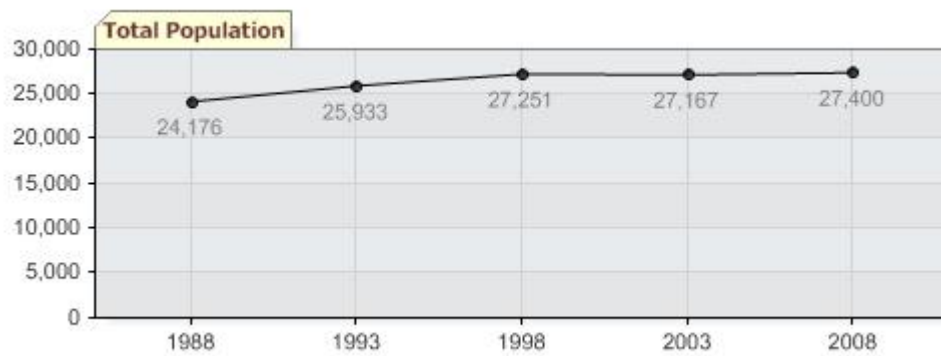
## Location

Ripley County is located in southeastern Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Jefferson County. Ripley County is adjacent to Dearborn County on the east, Decatur County and Franklin County are to the north, and Jennings County to the west. Ripley County is one of the ten counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 9.

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

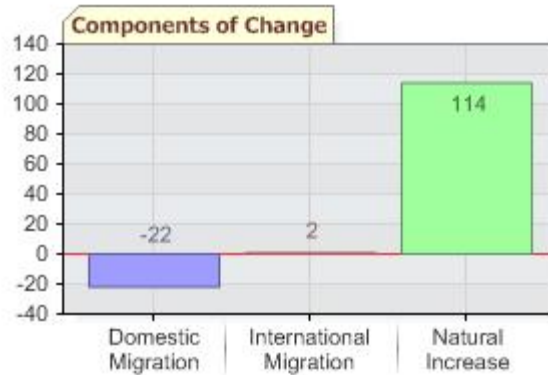
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	24,176	25,933	27,251	27,167	27,400
Change Since 1988		1,757	3,075	2,991	3,224
Pct. Change Since 1988		7.3%	12.7%	12.4%	13.3%



Source: US Census Bureau

### Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-22
International Migration	2
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	114
Births	388
Deaths	274



Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

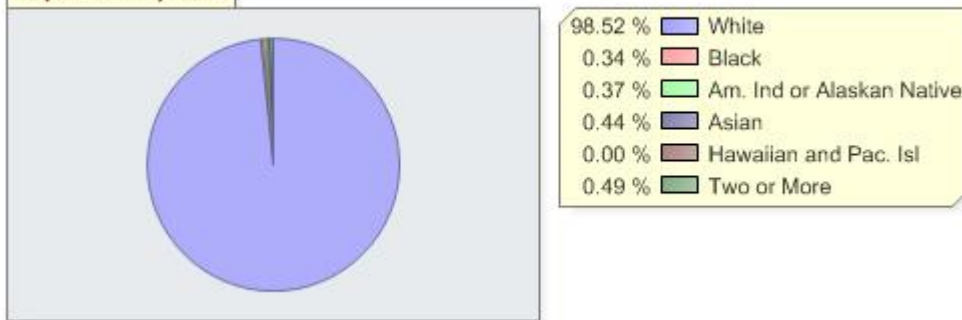
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,939	7.1%
School Age	5,274	19.3%
College Age	1,969	7.2%
Young Adult	7,345	26.9%
Older Adult	6,955	25.5%
Older (65 plus)	3,868	14.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	100	0.4%
Asian Alone	120	0.4%
Black Alone	92	0.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	0	0.0%
White Alone	26,905	98.5%
Two or More Race Groups	133	0.5%

Population by Race



## Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	26,986	98.8%
Hispanic or Latino	364	1.3%

Source: US Census Bureau

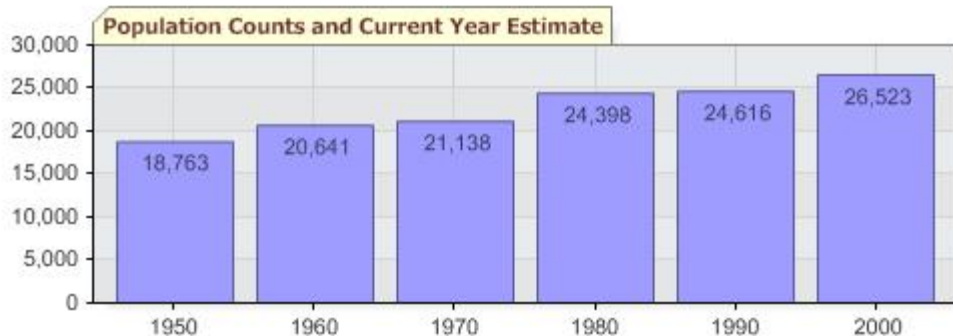
## Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Households</b>	9,842	100.0%
Family Households	7,272	73.9%
Married with Children	2,869	29.2%
Married without Children	3,160	32.1%
Single Parents	745	7.6%
Other	498	5.1%
Non-family Households	2,570	26.1%
Living Alone	2,239	22.7%
<b>Average Household Size</b>	2.71	
<b>Average Family Household Size</b>	3.66	

Source: US Census Bureau

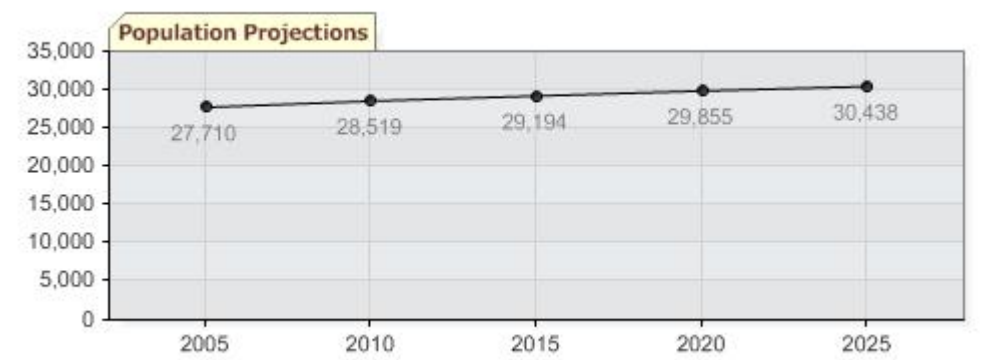
## Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	18,763	NA	NA
1960	20,641	1,878	10.0%
1970	21,138	497	2.4%
1980	24,398	3,260	15.4%
1990	24,616	218	0.9%
April 2000	26,523	1,907	7.7%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A





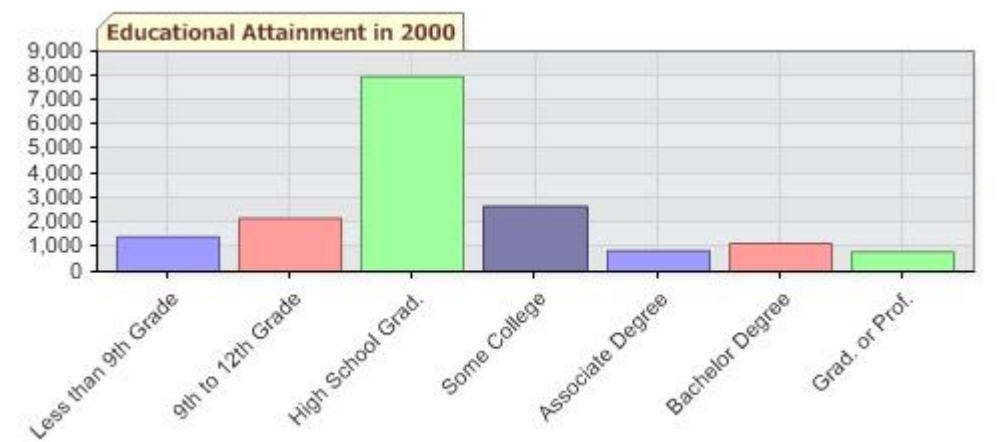
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	27,710	28,519	29,194	29,855	30,438
Change Since 2005		809	1,484	2,145	2,728
Pct. Change Since 2005		2.9%	5.4%	7.7%	9.8%



# Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

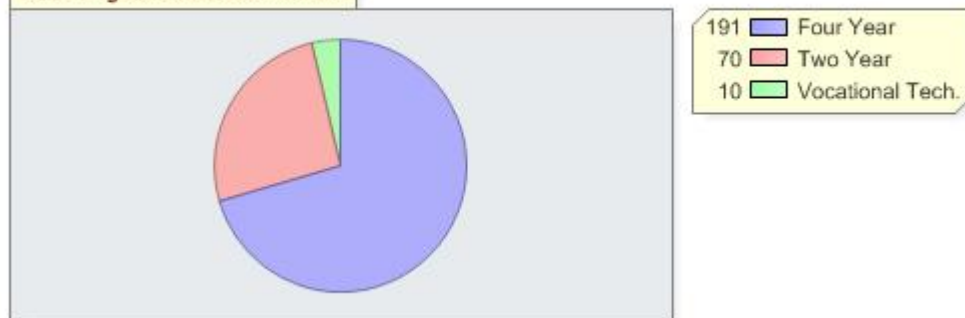
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	11,454	13,868	15,331	17,027
Less than 9th Grade	4,374	3,678	2,401	1,415
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,076	2,354	2,380	2,171
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	3,954	5,932	6,876	7,967
Some College, No Degree			1,600	2,663
Associate Degree			569	849
Bachelors Degree			893	1,150
Graduate or Professional Degree			612	812



## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Graduates</b>	345	365	356	362
<b>Total to Higher Education</b>	251	295	270	271
<b>Four-Year Institution</b>	190	207	183	191
<b>Two-Year Institution</b>	50	51	45	70
<b>Vocational/Tech.</b>	11	37	42	10
<b>Military</b>	10	9	22	7

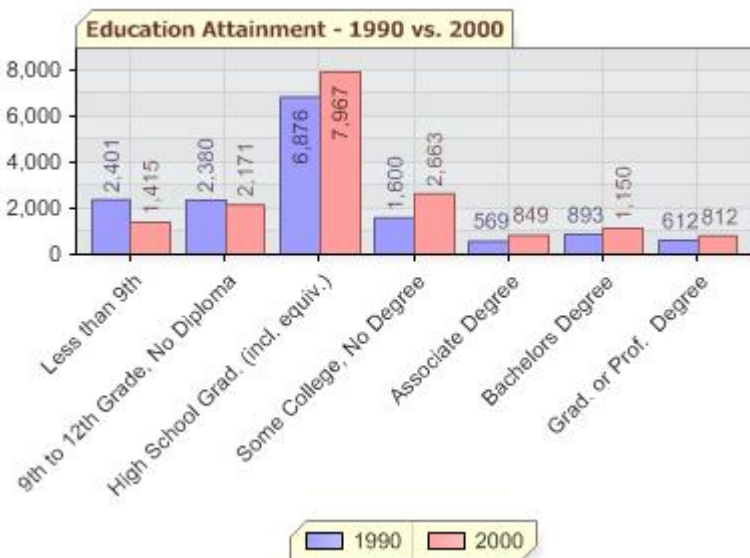
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
<b>Total Population 25+</b>	15,331	100.0%	17,027	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	2,401	15.7%	1,415	8.3%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,380	15.5%	2,171	12.8%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	6,876	44.9%	7,967	46.8%
Some College, No Degree	1,600	10.4%	2,663	15.6%
Associate Degree	569	3.7%	849	5.0%
Bachelors Degree	893	5.8%	1,150	6.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	612	4.0%	812	4.8%

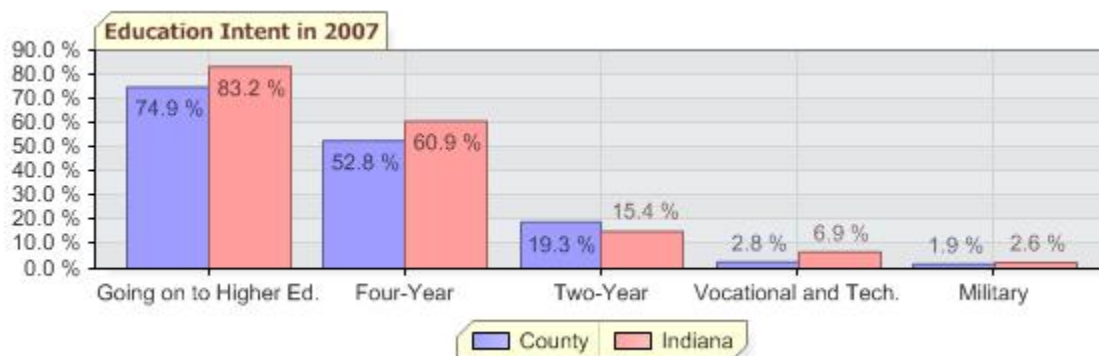


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

<b>Graduates</b>	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	74.9%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	52.8%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	19.3%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	2.8%	6.9%
Military	1.9%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

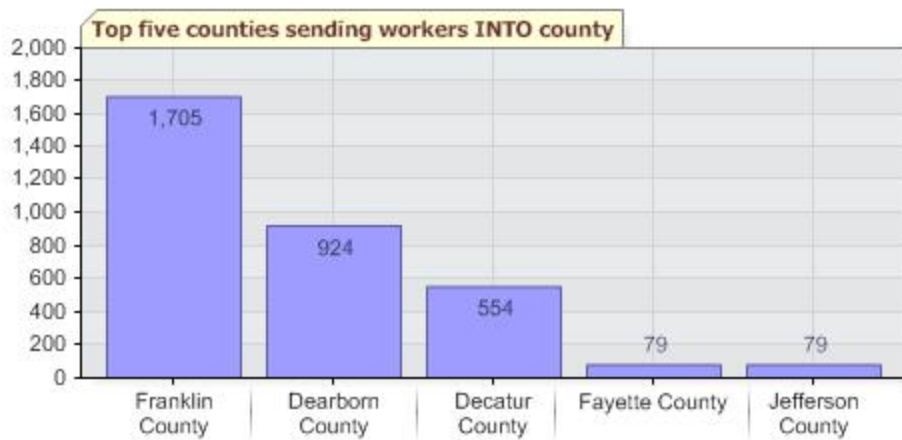
### Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	19,346
Number of tax filers who work in the county	17,640
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	13,710
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,930

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

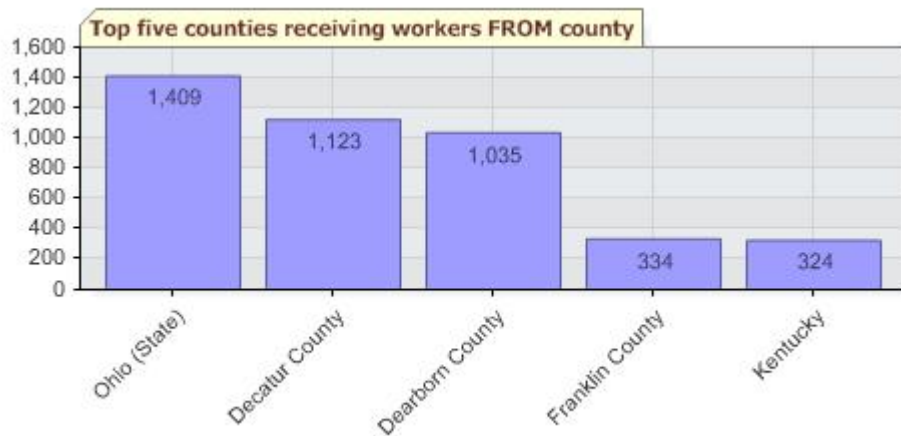
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Franklin County	1,705	50.4%
Dearborn County	924	27.3%
Decatur County	554	16.4%
Fayette County	79	2.3%
Jefferson County	79	2.3%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Ohio (State)	1,409	33.3%
Decatur County	1,123	26.6%
Dearborn County	1,035	24.5%
Franklin County	334	7.9%
Kentucky	324	7.7%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Workers Age 16 and Over</b>	12,651	100.0%
Travel To Work	12,124	95.8%
Car, Truck, or Van	11,658	92.2%
Traveled Alone	10,041	79.4%
Carpooled	1,617	12.8%
Used Public Transportation	34	0.3%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	432	3.4%
Worked At Home	527	4.2%
<b>Average Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	26.3	
<b>Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)</b>	27.4	

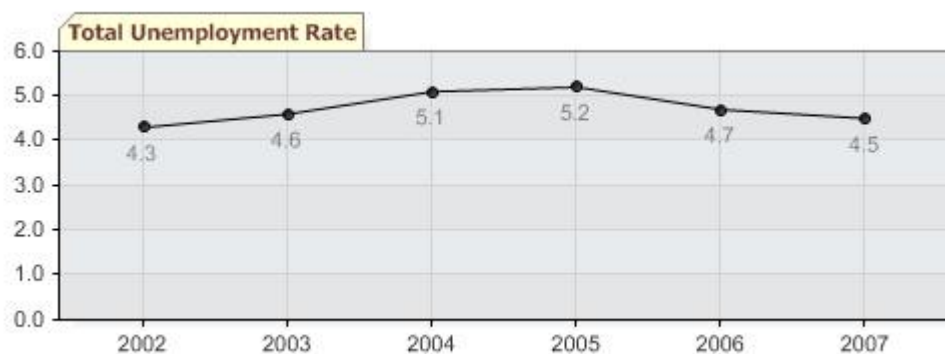


# Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

## Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

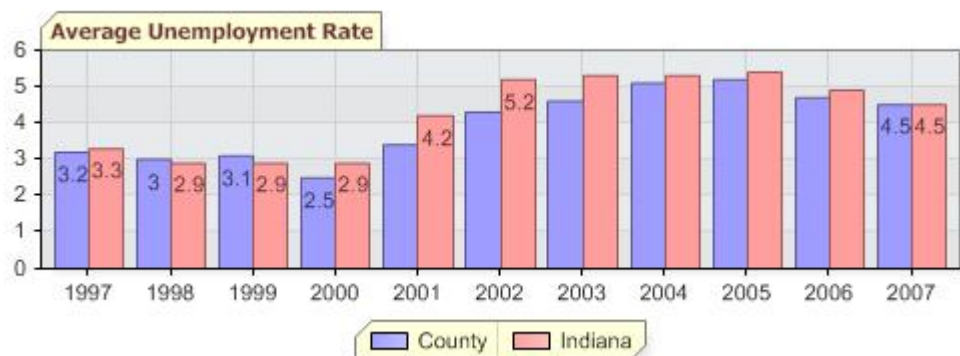
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
<b>Labor Force</b>	13,969	1.3%
<b>Employed</b>	13,337	-0.9%
<b>Unemployed</b>	632	84.8%
<b>Rate</b>	4.5	80.0%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
<b>1997</b>	13,387	12,959	428	3.2	3.3
<b>1998</b>	13,586	13,176	410	3.0	2.9
<b>1999</b>	13,783	13,360	423	3.1	2.9
<b>2000</b>	13,796	13,454	342	2.5	2.9
<b>2001</b>	14,039	13,560	479	3.4	4.2
<b>2002</b>	14,040	13,434	606	4.3	5.2
<b>2003</b>	14,640	13,966	674	4.6	5.3
<b>2004</b>	14,841	14,091	750	5.1	5.3
<b>2005</b>	14,853	14,080	773	5.2	5.4
<b>2006</b>	14,406	13,723	683	4.7	4.9
<b>2007</b>	13,969	13,337	632	4.5	4.5



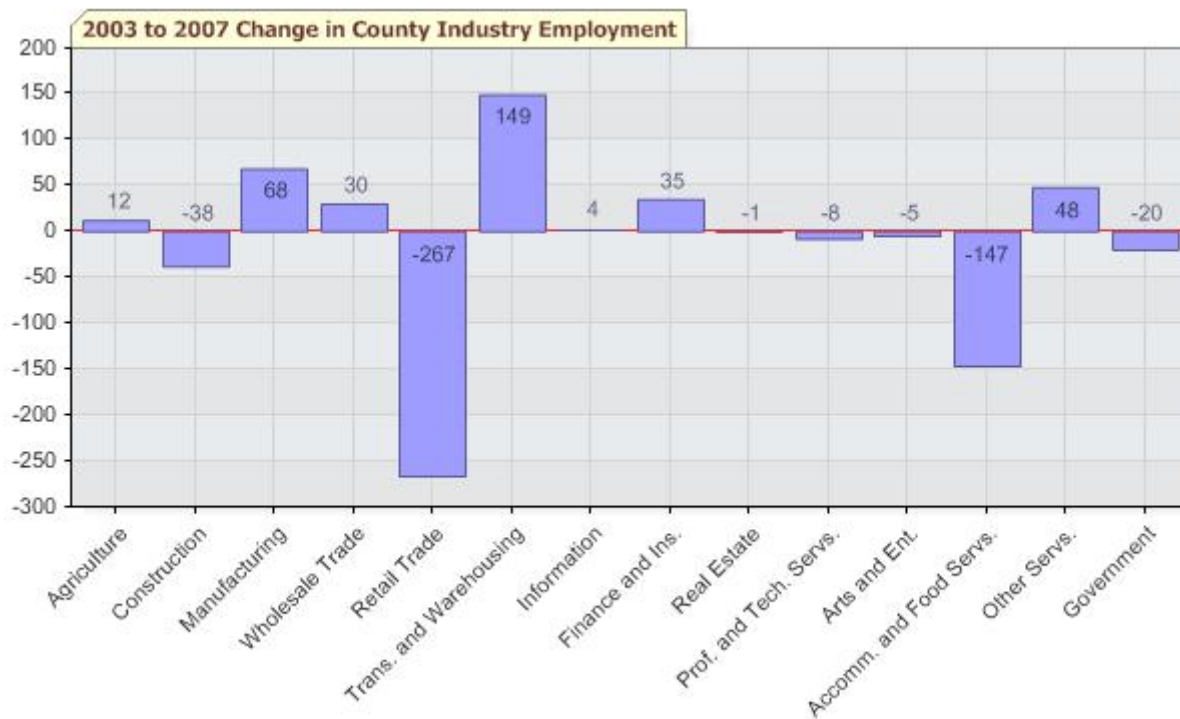
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

## Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
<b>Total Employment</b>	13,335	14,118	14,042	13,399	12,842	-493	-3.70%
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	11,921	12,676	12,641	12,011	11,448	-473	-3.97%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	109	122	126	127	121	12	11.01%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	623	695	698	647	585	-38	-6.10%
Manufacturing	2,781	3,155	3,014	3,079	2,849	68	2.45%
Wholesale Trade	137	125	142	169	167	30	21.90%
Retail Trade	1,156	1,244	1,179	886	889	-267	-23.10%
Transport. and Warehousing	500	581	562	615	649	149	29.80%
Utilities	D	D	D	125	97	N/A	N/A
Information	106	116	121	108	110	4	3.77%
Finance and Insurance	445	501	503	497	480	35	7.87%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	44	40	41	38	43	-1	-2.27%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	122	123	99	106	114	-8	-6.56%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	1,764	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	D	D	D	1,473	1,117	N/A	N/A
Educational Services	D	D	D	14	11	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,245	1,286	1,318	1,358	1,427	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	115	118	112	111	110	-5	-4.35%
Accommodation and Food Service	823	740	698	685	676	-147	-17.86%
Other Services	347	351	354	362	395	48	13.83%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	1,414	1,442	1,401	1,388	1,394	-20	-1.41%

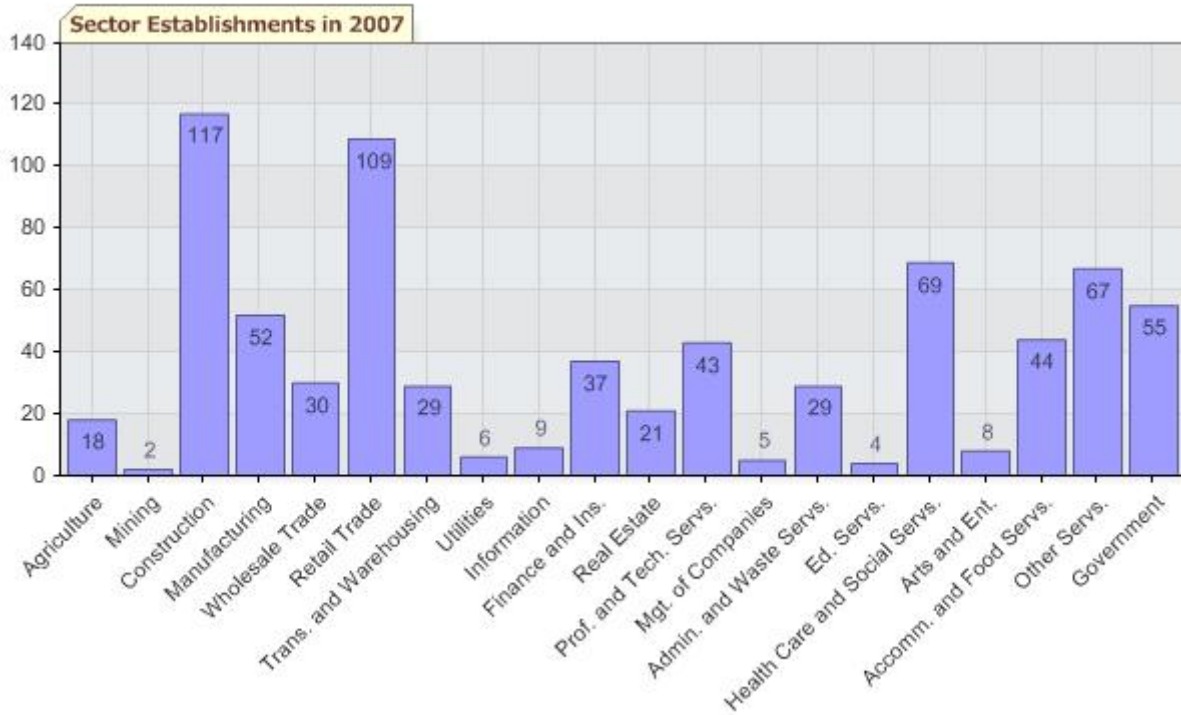


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## Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
<b>Total Establishments</b>	717	723	726	735	753	36	5.02%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	674	680	682	689	698	24	3.56%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	17	20	20	19	18	1	5.88%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	114	122	123	120	117	3	2.63%
Manufacturing	48	46	43	48	52	4	8.33%
Wholesale Trade	24	24	26	32	30	6	25.00%
Retail Trade	121	117	119	107	109	-12	-9.92%
Transport. and Warehousing	33	34	30	27	29	-4	-12.12%
Utilities	D	D	D	6	6	N/A	N/A
Information	10	9	9	10	9	-1	-10.00%
Finance and Insurance	37	42	40	39	37	0	0.00%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	17	18	19	19	21	4	23.53%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	32	32	32	39	43	11	34.38%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	4	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	D	D	D	25	29	N/A	N/A
Educational Services	D	D	D	4	4	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	65	65	68	70	69	4	6.15%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	8	7	7	7	8	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	51	46	45	46	44	-7	-13.73%
Other Services	62	63	65	67	67	5	8.06%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	43	43	44	46	55	12	27.91%



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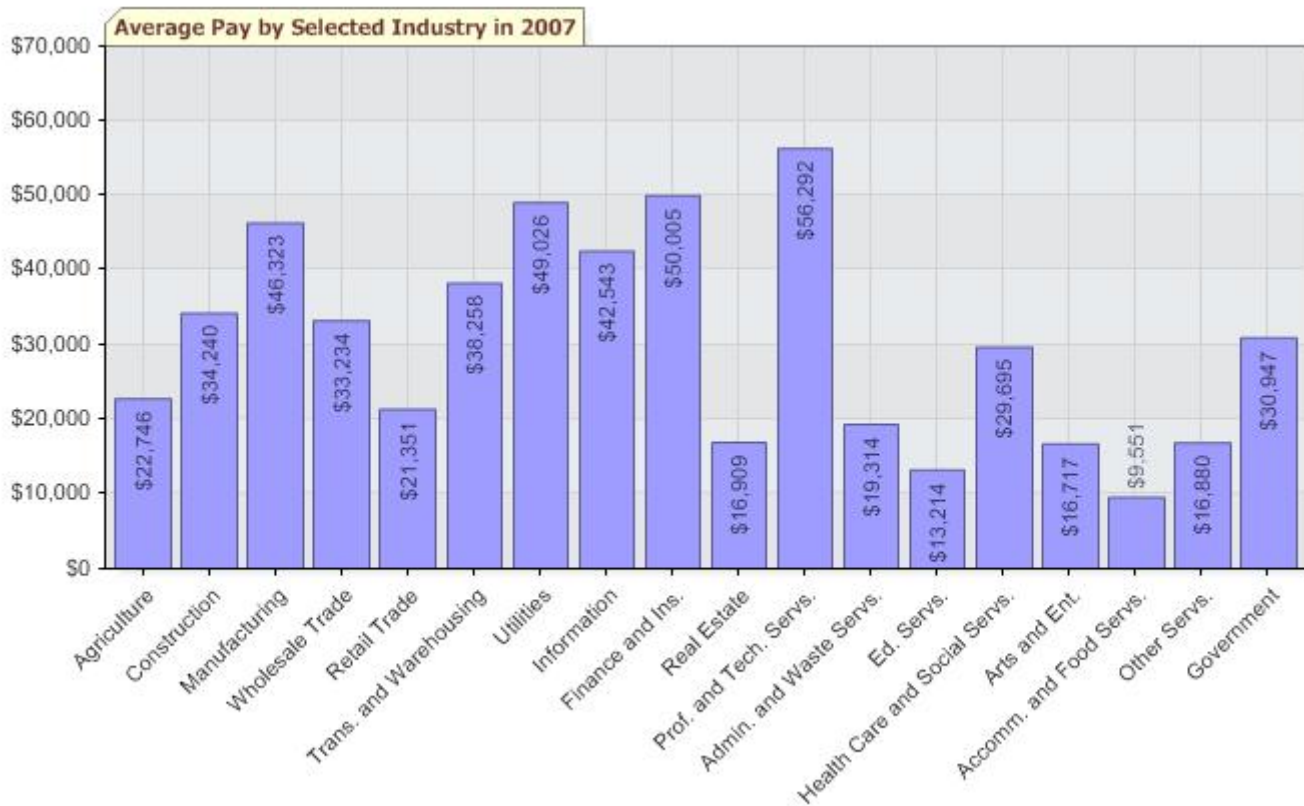
## Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

### Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change      % Change      Indiana      % of

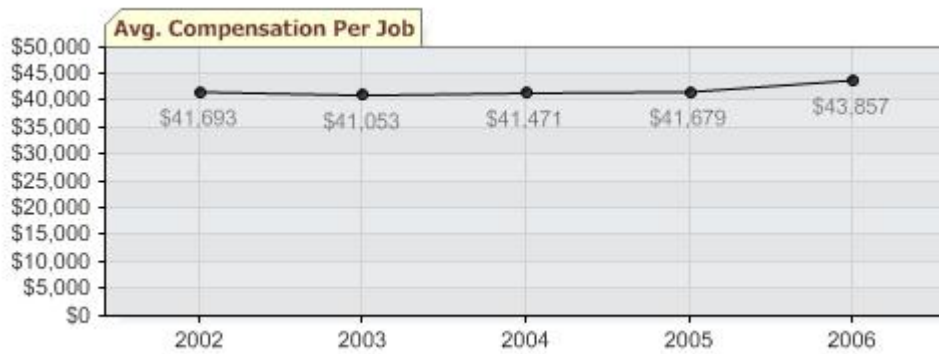
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$34,971	\$36,285	\$1,314	3.8%	\$37,530	96.7%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$19,946	\$22,746	\$2,801	14.0%	\$28,008	81.2%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$28,475	\$34,240	\$5,765	20.2%	\$44,754	76.5%
Manufacturing	\$56,546	\$46,323	-\$10,223	-18.1%	\$51,148	90.6%
Wholesale Trade	\$27,928	\$33,234	\$5,307	19.0%	\$51,432	64.6%
Retail Trade	\$17,482	\$21,351	\$3,869	22.1%	\$22,581	94.6%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$32,912	\$38,258	\$5,345	16.2%	\$38,012	100.6%
Utilities	D	\$49,026	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	71.8%
Information	\$33,994	\$42,543	\$8,549	25.1%	\$46,311	91.9%
Finance & Insurance	\$41,925	\$50,005	\$8,080	19.3%	\$52,649	95.0%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$15,501	\$16,909	\$1,409	9.1%	\$32,614	51.8%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$34,752	\$56,292	\$21,541	62.0%	\$51,451	109.4%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	D	\$19,314	N/A	N/A	\$24,934	77.5%
Education Svcs.	D	\$13,214	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	42.6%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$29,815	\$29,695	-\$119	-0.4%	\$37,706	78.8%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$17,474	\$16,717	-\$756	-4.3%	\$29,251	57.2%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,653	\$9,551	\$897	10.4%	\$12,442	76.8%
Other Svcs.	\$15,466	\$16,880	\$1,414	9.1%	\$24,862	67.9%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$28,874	\$30,947	\$2,073	7.2%	\$37,054	83.5%



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### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

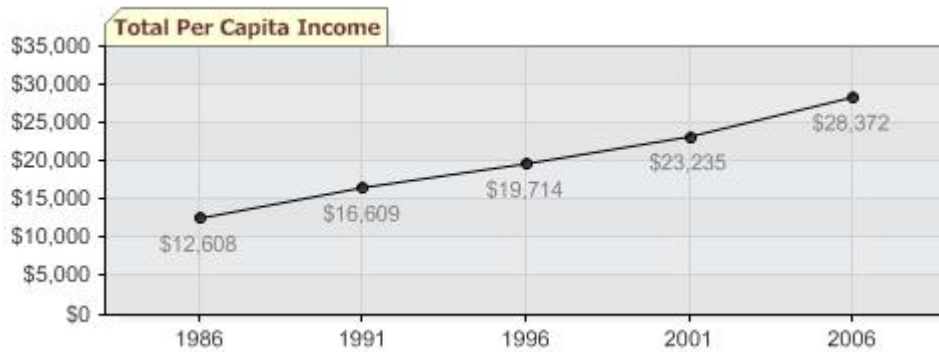
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Avg. Compensation per Job</b>	\$41,693	\$41,053	\$41,471	\$41,679	\$43,857
<b>Change Since 2002</b>		-\$640	-\$222	-\$14	\$2,164
<b>Pct. Change Since 2002</b>		-1.5%	-0.5%	-0.0%	5.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
<b>Total Per Capita Income</b>	\$12,608	\$16,609	\$19,714	\$23,235	\$28,372
<b>Change Since 1986</b>		\$4,001	\$7,106	\$10,627	\$15,764
<b>Pct. Change Since 1986</b>		31.7%	56.4%	84.3%	125.0%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

## Income & Wage

	Number
<b>Median family income in 2007 (ACS)</b>	N/A
<b>Median household income in 2007 (ACS)</b>	N/A
<b>Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)</b>	\$36,282
<b>Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)</b>	32.6%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Firms and Employment by Size

Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

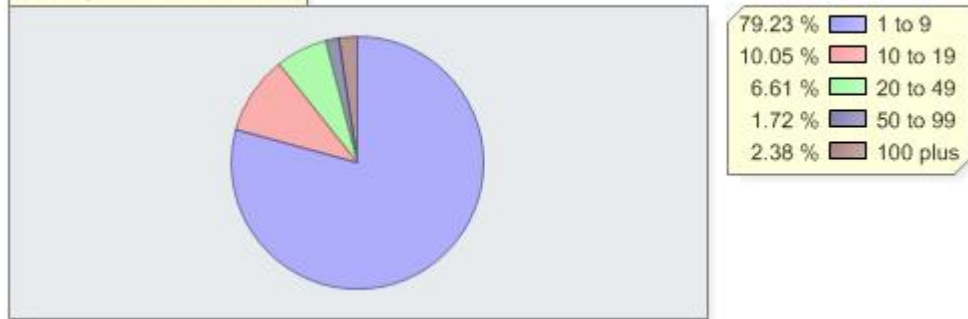
## County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
<b>1-9 employees</b>	599	54	9.9%	79.2%
<b>10-19 employees</b>	76	-14	-15.6%	10.1%
<b>20-49 employees</b>	50	3	6.4%	6.6%



50-99 employees	13	-3	-18.8%	1.7%
100 plus employees	18	1	5.9%	2.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

County Business Patterns

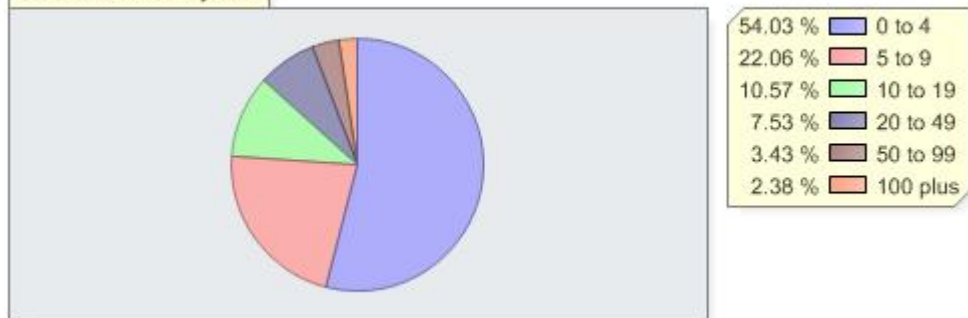


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	409	54.0%
5 to 9 employees	167	22.1%
10 to 19 employees	80	10.6%
20 to 49 employees	57	7.5%
50 to 99 employees	26	3.4%
100 plus employees	18	2.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

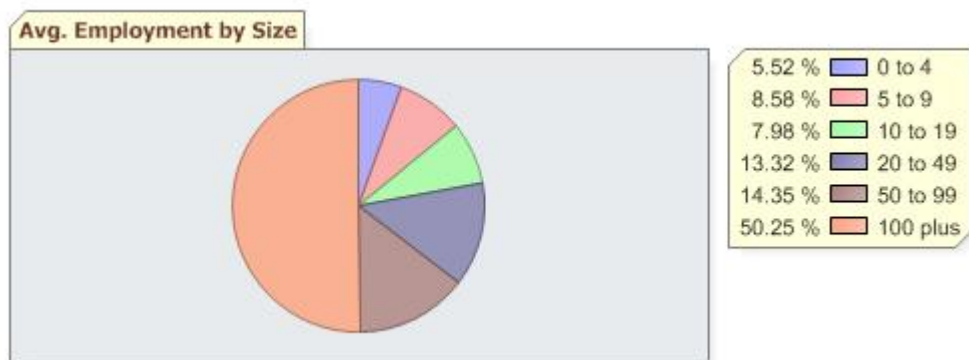
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

### Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	721	5.5%
5 to 9 employees	1,120	8.6%
10 to 19 employees	1,041	8.0%
20 to 49 employees	1,738	13.3%
50 to 99 employees	1,873	14.4%
100 plus employees	6,558	50.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



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